

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C

In reply address not the signer of
this letter, but Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C
Refer to No

NAV-O-MAR

10 March 1927

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION NEWS BULLETIN #76.

The Bureau requests that this Bulletin be given free circulation among officers and that items of interests be published to the Enlisted Personnel. This bulletin is not confidential and may be destroyed at the discretion of the commanding officer. Constructive suggestions for improvement will be appreciated.

INDEX OF SUBJECTS.

1. Officers' Correspondence Course in Navigation.
2. Bureau's Eligibility Lists for Chief Petty Officers.
3. Verification of References, former Enlisted Men.
4. Motion Pictures.

1. Officers' Correspondence Course in Navigation. For several years, an officers' correspondence course in Navigation has been in operation. The number of officers who are at present enrolled indicates the probability that many officers do not know of its existence.

This course is conducted from the Department of Navigation, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. For enrollment it is necessary only for any officer to make a request by letter to the above address. The course entails only as much time and labor as the individual officer is able to afford, because it is not required that solutions be submitted.

Ordinarily copies of the practical works and examinations as given to the first class midshipmen are mailed to each officer taking the course, together with a correct solution including plotting. The officer may then work out these day's works at his convenience, comparing his results with those of the solution.

During the current term, February to June, 1927, the first class will not be taking Navigation and the second class practical works will in general be too elementary to be of value. For that reason special day's works will be designed, to be sent to members of the correspondence course. These day's works will be of such length as to require about one and a half hours for solution, and will, during the term, include practically every case which can arise in a day's work. This will be of particular value to officers coming up for promotion in the near future.

Any questions arising in regard to the manner and the methods of the solution will be gladly answered by the Head of the Department of Navigation who may be addressed directly in requesting this information.

Bureau of Navigation News Bulletin #76 (continued)

2. Bureau's Eligibility Lists for Chief Petty Officers. The Bureau maintains eligibility lists for advancement to all Chief Petty Officer ratings except Chief Aerographer, which is open to Commanding Officers for recommendation to the Bureau. When these lists were first established in 1919 men were placed thereon without restriction to numbers, and assigned precedence on the lists according to date of examination. It was not anticipated that there would be a great delay in advancing men from the lists; however, the reduction of the enlisted strength to 86,000 in 1922 and subsequent decreases caused by limited appropriations has produced an unavoidable stagnation in advancement in some ratings.

The present system of placing names on the lists will prevent a recurrence of the above conditions, as the needs of the service are estimated for a period of six months, quotas assigned to the Major Subdivisions afloat, the Commanders of which are authorized to select the men best qualified from those under their command to fill quotas allotted. A man is assigned precedence on the lists according to a final multiple computed in the Bureau, considering examination mark, length of sea service as a first class petty officer, marks in proficiency in rating and conduct during such period. The advantages of this method are that it is selective, and a man's advancement will not be held in abeyance for a longer period than six months.

Advancements are authorized by the Bureau monthly from the lists strictly in accordance with precedence thereon to meet the needs of the service. These lists are under the supervision of an officer of experience and are given the same care as the promotion list of officers.

3. Verification of References, former Enlisted Men. Enlisted men taking Civil Service examinations have generally given the name of some officer under whom they served as reference as to character and fitness for the position for which application is made.

In view of the fact that in many cases officers have but a general knowledge of the particular man and over a limited period of his service, an arrangement has been entered into with the Civil Service Commission whereby all requests from that Commission for verification of references of former enlisted men of the Navy will be sent to the Bureau of Navigation instead of the individual officer named.

4. Motion Pictures. The Bureau has purchased the following feature motion pictures for exhibition on naval ships and stations taking Navy Film Service:

Bureau of Navigation News Bulletin #72 (continued)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
The Sensation Seekers	R. Dove-P. Bloomer-H. Gordon
The Kid Brother	Harold Lloyd-Jebyana Ralston
The Telephone Girl	M. Bellamy-W. Baxter
Cabaret	Gilda Grey-T. Moore
Special Delivery	E. Cantor-J. Ralston
Evening Clothes	A. Menjou-V. Valli
Blind Alleys	T. Meighan-E. Brent
Casey at the Bat	W. Berry-Ford Sterling
Mysterious Rider	J. Holt-B. Jewel
Kiss in a Taxi	R. Daniels-C. Conklin
High Hat	R. Lyon-M. Brian
Venus of Venice	Constance Talmadge
Convoy	L. MacKail-L. Sherman
The Love of Sanya	Florida Swanson
The Lost Trail	Tom Mix-C. Geraghty
The Magic Garden	R. Keane-M. Livingston
The Taxi Dancer	Owen Moore-J. Crawford
The Valley of Hell	F. McDonald
The Red Mill	Marion Davis-Owen Moore
Taxi Taxi!	E. Horton-Marion Nixon
Wolf's Clothing	Monte Blue- P.R. Miller
Getting Gertie's Garter	Marie Prevost
Women Love Diamonds	P. Stark-O. Moore
The Fourth Commandant	Belle Bennett-H. Victor
Upstream	Earle Fox-N. Nash
Don Mike	Fred Thompson-P. Clifford

Two additional prints of the following feature motion pictures, previously purchased have been ordered for immediate circulation in the Asiatic Fleet, Naval Forces European waters and special service squadron:

Old Ironsides	The Quarterback
The Three Bad Men	Long Pants
Tell it to the Marines	The Nervous Wreck
We're in the Navy Now	The Gorilla Hunt
Tin Hats	The Return of Peter Grim
Subway Sadie	The Scarlet Letter

* * * *

Dept. Distribution - I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X (a) (b) and (c).